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NOTE: THIS IS OUR HEAVIEST RE-POTTING SEASON FOR FINE WINTER AND SPRING HYBRIDS - INCLUDING SOME EASTER BLOOM PRODUCERS!

HYBRID BACK BULB CUTTINGS

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Are you one of the many Orchidists who have discovered an easy and economical way to round out your collection of blooming size hybrids with BACK BULBS?

Almost any husky two-bulb cutting with a "live eye" can be grown and flowered in two years. (Many will produce a bloom or two at the end of the first year!)

If you have never tried back bulbs, Page J, "LET'S TALK ABOUT BACK BULB PROPAGATION", should prove helpful. However, an eye need not be green to be good. If firm to the touch, brown skin over it will not prevent its starting.

This offering of cuttings need not be lined up in trays of chips or moss in order to start them. Each and every cutting can be potted promptly, if you will study drawings "A" and "B" and follow directions.



DRAWING "A"

1. Choose a pot large enough (but no larger) to allow room at front of cutting for two more leads. Fill pot one-third full of broken crock, smooth pebbles or charcoal.

2. Prepare a "slice" of osmunda which, when rolled up, will snugly fill rest of pot to about 3/4 inch from rim at top.

3. Place 2-inch bent wire "hair-pin" over strongest part of cutting's rhizome. Use pliers to force the hair-pin's prongs to cross each other under rhizome. (See Drawing "A")

4. Pull hair-pin down so top loop rests on top of rhizome. Wrap osmunda slice (with most fibers vertical) around prong of hair-pin and, if cutting has some roots, around them.

5. Make sure neither rhizome nor "eye" is partially buried in osmunda. Push roll of osmunda, hair-pin and roots, into pot until it rests on crock. If not snug, work in additional bits of

osmunda at front of plant. Never try to center the cutting, for it will grow in one direction only, so room must be left at front for the new growth. Push wire stake into osmunda at back of plant, and tie bulbs so they stand upright. Is plant firm? If it wobbles when pot is moved, new roots will break as they form.

Every cutting will be correctly labelled, but as there are no more than a dozen of any given cross, no advance listing can be offered. I'll do my best to send you a good, balanced selection, including White, White-Colored-Lip and Colored hybrids.

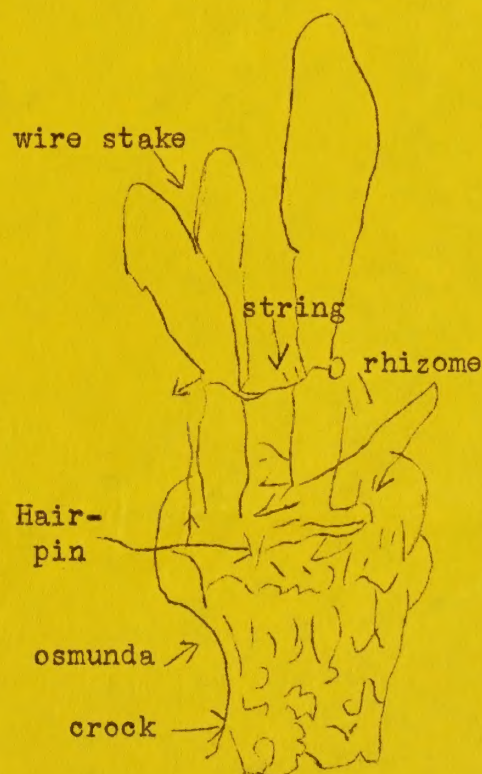
All will be husky Cattleya, Lc, Bc or Blc cuttings, each different from the others, and each with good, live eye. You will get no duplicates.

Six Hybrid Cuttings.....\$10.00
Twenty Hybrid Cuttings.....\$25.00
(Including Osmunda, "hair-pins" and stakes)

BONUS! With \$25.00 order, I'll send you an extra one that has ALREADY BEEN POTTED ONE YEAR OR MORE. It should bloom for you within a matter of weeks or months! It will show you how they look when properly potted and with new growths matured.

Or, want to see this potted cutting first? Send \$5.00 for it, and later apply the \$5.00 on the \$25.00 order, sending the \$20.00 balance for the twenty cuttings.

Please note: None of the above offers include shipping charges, which must either be collect, or refunded by the customers. No C.O.D. orders, please.



DRAWING "B"

